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Avondale House Recognizes Autism Awareness Month in April

Local Non-Profit Specializing in Autism Services and Resources to Host Virtual Event on April 24

HOUSTON (March 23, 2021) – <u>Avondale House</u>, a leading non-profit organization dedicated to supporting individuals with autism and their families, is raising awareness as we approach World Autism Awareness Month this April. In addition to month-long campaigns to promote understanding around the fastest growing developmental disability in our country, the Houston-based organization will host a free virtual event, <u>"From Our House to Yours,"</u> on April 24 with special guest speaker and autism dad, Dr. Peter Hotez.

"We are proud to support our partners and residents throughout Autism Awareness Month and continue to educate others on its challenges," said Steve Vetrano, CEO of Avondale House. "Autism profoundly affects not just individuals, but entire families and the community at large. We are honored to serve our friends and neighbors as a safe haven to encourage inclusion, self-confidence, and education to live a better life."

One in every fifty-four children in the United States are diagnosed annually according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Avondale House is the leading organization in Houston that specializes in autism services and resources for individuals most profoundly affected by autism and their families. The non-profit serves over 100 individuals with autism each day who require additional assistance with educational programs and training to reach their full potential. Avondale House serves clients as young as three years old throughout their lifetime with year-round educational programs, an adult day program, four residential group homes, and supported employment resources.

To culminate Autism Awareness Month and bring more attention to the cause, Avondale House will host a free, virtual event on April 24, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. The event, "From Our House to Yours," will be hosted by KPRC Channel 2 Meteorologist Britta Merwin and include compelling discussions from local community leaders such as Dr. Peter Hotez MD Ph.D., vaccine scientist, pediatrician, and autism dad. The event is free of charge but registration is required by visiting avondalehouse.org/event-from-our-house-to-yours.

For more information on Avondale House and the annual event, please visit AvondaleHouse.org or call (713) 993-9544.

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About Avondale House

Avondale House provides vital programs and services that support individuals with autism and their families. Services include day schooling for students ages 3-21, long-term residential services, supported employment opportunities, and adult day programming. Avondale House is a 501.3c not-for-profit organization that depends on community partnerships, volunteers, and the generosity of donors to perform its mission. For more information please visit avondalehouse.org or follow us @avondalehouse on social media.